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Wing receives painting for art collection



By Lt. Col. Douglas W. Lefforge
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Fighter Wing was presented with another painting for its historical art collection June 22 by a former Luke member, artist and historian.

Joe Mike Pyle, editor and lead artist for "U.S. Air Force Weapons Review" magazine, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., unveiled the oil painting of a 56th FW F-16 with Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander, during a commander's call to an audience of more 300 officers.

"It was no accident I painted this jet's right profile," Mr. Pyle said. "If you look close, it has the crew chief's name here under the canopy," pointing to the painting.

"It's appropriate that this painting shows the crew chief's name," Colonel Sargeant said. "I think it's timeless and it signifies all the people behind the scenes working to make (the mission) happen."

The oil painting is the second canvas Mr. Pyle has donated to the wing.

The first painting, an oil painting of an F-100, was presented Dec. 15, 2000 to Colonel Sargeant. It symbolizes the period of time Mr. Pyle was on active duty at Luke.

Mr. Pyle was stationed here in 1968 as an administrative specialist with the NCO leadership school, also serving as a graphic artist.

Mr. Pyle, a former airman, said the F-16 painting symbolizes the dedication, commitment and sacrifices crew chiefs and all the other airmen throughout the Air Force display every day for their Air Force.

Master Sgt. Brandt Smith

The photo above is of the oil painting presented June 22 by Joe Mike Pyle, "U.S. Air Force Weapons Review" magazine editor and main artist, to Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. The painting honors Air Force crew chiefs.

Fire department responds to call

By Airman Kara Philp
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke fire department responded to a call from a military member July 6 at about 1:15 p.m. from Bldg. 115, which houses the Luke Airman Leadership School and honor guard.

"The entry control alarm went off and I couldn't figure out why," said Master Sgt. Hector Eide, 56th Services Squadron readiness superintendent, who works on the third floor. "Then it shut down and I smelled smoke."

Sergeant Eide immediately sent folks to each floor to tell people to evacuate before he called the fire department. The building was empty within a minute and a half.

The building's fire alarms did not go off because there wasn't enough heat or smoke to activate them, said Master Sgt. Frank Diaz, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron assistant A flight chief.

Firefighters then determined a seized motor in an air conditioning unit in the ceiling caused the smoke. There were no flames.

The entry control alarms, designed to sound during an unauthorized entry or exit, were installed when the building was a correctional custody facility. They are not used to detect fires.

"The (entry control) alarms have been deactivated, but occasionally they go off and we don't know why," he said.

Sergeant Eide is thankful they did. Who knows what might have happened had the smoke-filled room not been discovered until later.



Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Matthews

Senior Airman Mary Gogo, 56th Medical Operations Squadron health service management, pulls a record.

Hospital closes records window

The 56th Medical Group Hospital's records window closes Sunday to comply with the Air Force surgeon general's request that patients no longer hand carry their records more than necessary.

The change was done for continuity of care and record availability purposes.

"This new initiative will enhance efficiency with the records managers having a smaller pool of records they are responsible for," said Tech. Sgt. John Philmon Jr., outpatient medical records NCO in charge.

For all appointments within the hospital, medical records are sent to the respective clinic before the appointment time. Patients do not need to pick up their records.

"Patients are no longer inconvenienced with having to pick up and hand carry their medical records to the appointment area," Sergeant Philmon said. "This im-

proves customer service, ensures record confidentiality as well as proper continuity of care."

Enrolled patients with off-base medical appointment, can sign out their records from the reception desk of their assigned primary care clinic. They can also request copies from their primary care clinic's reception desk.

Non-enrolled patients should report to the hospital's information desk for questions regarding their medical records.

"Our goal at the medical group is to deliver high quality medical care along with excellent customer service," said Lt. Col. Lorie Brosch, primary care flight commander. "Our records re-organization should help us do that by enhancing the availability of records for medical appointments in a 'customer friendly manner.'" (Courtesy of 56th Medical Group)

Commentary

Champions inspire others

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line, please give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke Air Force Base a better place to live and work.

Unsafe driver

Comment: Recently, my family and I were relaxing in our yard in base housing when a motorcyclist left our neighbor's house, on his motorcycle, popped a wheelie and sped past my house, a few feet from my son. Had he wiped out while popping a wheelie, he could have killed my son. I yelled for him to stop, but he was gone in a matter of seconds. I called security forces desk, only to be told they were swamped but would send someone to investigate. No one came to my house. We get the same response every time we call about people speeding in base housing.

Response: Security forces patrols were responding to other serious incidents on base and were not able to respond immediately. Since the motorcycle operator was already gone, the urgency of the response was prioritized and dispatched to a patrol. Without a sworn statement by the complainant, however, security forces do not have probable cause to proceed with an investigation. But, as a result of your call, all controllers will be instructed to invite complainants to the Security Forces Control Center, Bldg. 179, to swear out a statement if patrols are not immediately available. I encourage each Thunderbolt to help keep our installation safe by reporting traffic code violations or unsafe practices to security forces or, if the offender is known to you, to the offender's supervisor.

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www.luke.af.mil/lukefam or call, **856-4243**

By Lt. Col. Mike Stuart
63rd Fighter Squadron commander

"Americans love a winner," said World War II Gen. George Patton. And, for the most part, everyone wants to be a champion with ticker tape parades, wild celebrations, intense feelings of satisfaction, and an overall sense of pride. Becoming a champion, however, takes a great deal of time, patience, coordination, selfless dedication, desire and luck.

Champions also require every team member to contribute by accomplishing his or her responsible tasks.

Accomplishing tasks requires substantial preparation and planning. Preparation must focus on the individual tasks required as well as the team's overall execution. Planning must be detailed enough to insure every possible contingency is covered.

Time spent preparing and planning provides the critical experience necessary to deal with "pop-up" situations.

Every championship team has leaders and superior performers — the people who can handle the more difficult situations with ease. Dynasties, the ability to string a series of championships together, are composed of people who work

well as a team and make each team member feel they are critical to the final outcome. This doesn't necessarily require the same team members, just the team's ability to work well together and inspire motivation.

Today's Air Force is a significant contributor to the United States dynasty. Our team is composed of hard working, dedicated professionals, focused on insuring everlasting protection for the citizens of the United States.

Indeed, all Team USA members should feel proud for protecting and defending the U.S. Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, for more than 225 years. The dynasty will continue as long as we continue preparing for our individual tasks and planning for every threatening contingency.

Members of this great team can all feel a sense of pride for making sacrifices, sometimes the ultimate sacrifice, others are only willing to dream about. Sacrifices make our country strong and free.

We should not get focused on the individual difficulties we face on a day-to-day basis. They are significant, but pale in comparison to the legends of democracy. Instead, look to the sacrifices of great American's to establish our threshold of pain. Americans such

as those who comprised Gen. George Washington's army during the 1777 winter at Valley Forge, Penn. These men were without adequate shelter, food or clothing. Their billeting consisted of 10x10-foot crude huts built by their own hands and occupied by six men. Many died of starvation and cold, and at no time were more than half of them fit for active service.

Remember the great Americans who stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944. Men bled and died there for a few feet, or inches of sand, as bullets and shellfire cut through their ranks. Think about the 36,934 dead and 103,284 wounded in the Korean conflict and the more than 58,000 dead and over 300,000 wounded in Vietnam.

In these great American's memories, and for all that have fought for democracy, we celebrate the triumphs. It is enough to say about all the men of honor and courage who fought so hard for our dynasty: We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free. We celebrate all contributions to our independence, our championship, and our dynasty.

Positive traits lead to success

By Lt. Col. Larry Goodwin
12th Flying Training Wing Plans and Programs chief

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — We all possess character traits that clearly define our actions. We work to foster those same positive traits in the people we deal with each day.

We want our children to emulate good character traits and we want to be surrounded by people we can trust to make decisions according to sound principles.

In the oaths we recited upon joining the military are hidden many of these traits. Our leaders knew those defending the nation should possess these traits and formulated the oaths based on them.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress established different oaths for the enlisted members and officers of the Continental Army. The first oath under the Constitution was approved in September 1789 and applied to all commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and privates in the service of the United States.

"I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic ..."

The first sentence calls on us to exhibit the traits of trustworthiness and courage. The American people trust us to accept the challenges we're faced with to defend and protect the Constitution and all our country represents.

As military members, we also need the courage and mental and moral strength to press forward into whatever duty we're called.

"... that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same ..."

The second trait we display is responsibility. We exhibit commitment and dedication in that responsi-

bility. We should be proud to serve as responsible members of the flight, squadron, group, wing, Air Force, Department of Defense and national team.

We all depend on each other to get the job done. The principle of synergy — the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts — applies here. As we work together to perform the mission, we accomplish more than any one individual or organization can accomplish alone.

"... and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice" or "... that I take this obligation freely, with out any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter."

In these two phrases from the enlisted and officer oaths, we subscribe to the traits of respect, candor and unselfishness. We are not in the military for ourselves. We are here to serve. There is always someone to whom we report. It is our duty to ensure the lawful orders we receive are carried out.

We undertake the challenge to exhibit candor, being honest in what we say and how we act. Our profession of arms leaves no room for half-truths. Complete honesty in all we do must be absolute.

These are just a few of the desirable character traits we need to emulate as members of the military. Continuously striving to develop these traits in others and ourselves will ensure continued prosperity, both personally and professionally.

Character counts. It is a vital ingredient in life's recipe for success.

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2001 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	29,059	39,376
Flying hours	39,440	51,687
Pilot graduates	756	1,001
MRA graduates	618	937

Luke people deployed:
AEF 3/4: **3** AEF 5/6: **111**
Others: **0**

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Air Force art ...



Lt. Col. Douglas W. Lefforge
Staff Sgt. Paul Engram (left) and Staff Sgt. Jeffery Wendall, 63rd Fighter Squadron crew chiefs, re-check systems and safety pins on F-16 aircraft 89-2056. This jet was used as the model for an oil painting Joe Mike Pyle, "U.S. Air Force Weapons Review" magazine editor and main artist, painted and presented to Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, during commander's call June 22. The painting, seen on this edition's front page, was inspired by Mr. Pyle's respect and admiration of the job crew chiefs, maintenance specialists and airmen throughout the Air Force accomplish every day. Mr. Pyle was a former airman, stationed at Luke in 1968.

Luke conducts blood drives

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The United Blood Services is conducting blood drives Monday to July 21 at various Luke locations to build up their depleted blood supply.

UBS supplies blood to more than 80 percent of the hospitals in Arizona, including Luke's hospital, said Sharon Ryan, UBS senior community relations representative. Last week, hospitals' orders for blood exceeded donations by nearly 650 pints.

"When you donate to UBS, you are effectively donating to your own blood supply," Ms. Ryan said.

She offers the following suggestions and helpful hints for donating:

- ♦ Bring identification, either a military ID card or driver's license
- ♦ Be well hydrated
- ♦ Do not donate on an empty stomach
- ♦ Do not donate with cold or flu symptoms, or if antibiotics have been taken within the previous three days
- ♦ Body piercings are allowed if they were done by single-use equipment
- ♦ Tattoos must be at least one year old

For the full list of donor qualifications, contact squadron representatives.

Ms. Ryan strongly encourages everyone to set up appointments with their squadron representatives to keep their waiting time to a minimum while donating blood.

The following is the UBS donation schedule:

Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 607th Air Control

Squadron. Call Senior Airman Josh Snoderly at (623) 856-7339.

Monday, noon to 4:30 p.m., 63rd Fighter Squadron Bldg. 928. Call Senior Master Sgt. Candy Williams at (623) 856-6063.

Tuesday, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron North Aerospace Ground Equipment area, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., 56th EMS Munitions Flight area. Call Staff Sgt. Mark Dandridge at (623) 856-3861 or 2nd Lt. William Babbitt at (623) 856-6920.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 1150 third floor atrium. Call Liz Garey at (623) 856-7778, 2nd Lt. Heidi Potter at (623) 856-5872 or Tech. Sgt. Johnnie Dorris at (623) 856-6901.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., base hospital west entrance. Call Airman Nicole Copeland at (623) 856-3103.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 310th Fighter Squadron Bldg. 913. Call Staff Sgt. Thomas Rivard at (623) 856-6618, Senior Airman Richard Collins at (623) 856-7793 or Airman Patricia Rood at (623) 856-5587.

Wednesday, Thursday and July 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Chapel activity room. Call Lieutenant Babbitt at (623) 856-6920.

Thursday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., 309th Fighter Squadron break room. Call Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Morrison at (623) 856-5923 or Master Sgt. Kevin Mullis at (623) 856-5794.

July 20, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 56th Component Repair Squadron conference room. Call Staff Sgt. Christopher Dyer at (623) 856-7315.

July 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., commissary parking lot by the dry cleaners. Call Lieutenant Babbitt at (623) 856-6920.

Thunderbolt Instructor Pilot of the Week

Name: Capt. Glen "Nugget" Richards, 309th Fighter Squadron
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Family: Wife, Vanessa; and two border collies, Bandit and Outlaw
Education: Bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor; and 75 percent complete with a master's degree in aerospace science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Years in service: Six
Previous assignments: Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; and Sheppard AFB, Texas
Goals: Professionally, to always continue improving as a fighter pilot as I get older; personally, to be a great husband and, one day, father
Greatest feat: Without a doubt, becoming an F-16 pilot
Commander's comments: "If I could clone any of my officers, it's 'Nugget,'" said Lt. Col. Christopher Bisgrove, 309th FS commander. "He made the 309th FS better the day he arrived. He's destined to make great contributions throughout his Air Force career."



Richards

News Briefs

56th AMDS change of command

Col. Randy Reynolds relinquishes command of the 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron to Lt. Col. William Sneider Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the officers' club. A reception follows.

Reserve changes of command

- ♦ Col. Roger Binder relinquishes command of the 944th Operations Group to Lt. Col. Lance Undhjem Sunday at 9 a.m. in the base theater. A reception follows in the 302nd Fighter Squadron lounge.
- ♦ Lt. Col. Patrick Shay relinquishes command of the 301st Fighter Squadron to Maj. Thomas Harwood today at 9 a.m. in the officers' club. A reception follows.
- ♦ Lt. Col. Lance Undhjem relinquishes command of the 302nd FS to Lt. Col. Andy Comtois Sunday at 9 a.m. in the base theater. A reception follows at the 302nd FS lounge.

FTAC graduation

The First Term Airman's Center group 14-01 graduates today at 7:30 a.m. in the community center's Luke Room.

TRICARE updates

Update meetings for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the base theater. Topics of discussion are reenrollment, referral, internet initiative and more. TRIWEST Healthcare Alliance and Luke Hospital employees are available for questions. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Daniel Borkowski or Capt. James Chisolm at (623) 856-3179.

Civilian supervisor training

Training for supervisors of civilian employees is Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon in the 56th Support Center, room 1163. Training is required within 60 days of arrival or appointment. To reserve a seat or for more information, call (623) 856-7762.

Base advisory council meets

The Base Advisory Council meets July 25 at 10 a.m. in the 308th Fighter Squadron, Bldg. 925, in the maintenance conference room. All unit representatives are asked to attend. Election for next year's council positions will occur. The council addresses base-level issues that cannot be solved at the unit level. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Hindi Bailey at (623) 856-6336.

ROTC program

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps accepts applications for the One-year Professional Officer Course — Early Release Program until Aug. 1. For more information about the program, call the 56th Mission Support Squadron education office at (623) 856-7722, go to web1.maxwell.af.mil/afloats/enlisted/ or call (800) 522-0033 ext. 2091.

Justice reports

- The following nonjudicial actions occurred at Luke between June 18 and 22.
- ♦ A senior airman received an Article 15, reduction to airman 1st class and 30 days extra duty for making a false official statement and submitting a fraudulent claim against the United States.
 - ♦ An airman 1st class received an Article 15 and reduction to airman for failure to obey.
 - ♦ An airman 1st class received an Article 15, suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$300 pay and 15 days extra duty for two specifications of dereliction of duty and driving while under the influence of alcohol.
 - ♦ A staff sergeant received an Article 15 and reduction to senior airman for dereliction of duty.
 - ♦ An airman first class received an Article 15, suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months and 30 days restriction to base for making a false official statement and driving while intoxicated.

Parents sublet childcare slots at CDC

By Airman Kara Philp
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A child care program which gives parents flexibility and options, especially during the summer, is available, according to child development center staff. Called the sublet program, it allows CDC patrons to “lease” their childcare slots to other qualified families rather than paying to reserve their slot while on vacation.

“Instead of having to pay for their child’s slot, the sublet program helps alleviate some of the cost,” said Beth Oudean, 56th Services Squadron CDC director. “It also gives other parents a place for their children to go temporarily, whether they’re trying the CDC out or in the process of finding a new location.”

The program is also beneficial for parents who only have their children in the summer or must find care for their children while their primary private caregiver is on vacation or closed for a period of time during the summer, Ms. Oudean said.

Parents leasing the child care slot are required to sign a sublet contract and meet all eligibility requirements. Childcare slots may not be leased at a higher fee, and the enrolled parents are responsible for any late or nonpayment charges the lessee acquires.

“I think this program will help me out a lot,” said Master Sgt. Mitchell Jeffcoat, 56th Fighter Wing operations plans NCO in charge. “I found someone to take my child’s slot, and we’ve planned to meet and discuss costs.”

Sergeant Jeffcoat said the person leas-



Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

Cory, son of Senior Airmen Vanessa and Maximo Madera; Ben, son of Capt. Mante and Tiffany Cox; and Devon, son of Staff Sgt. George and Stephanie Darby, play together Tuesday at the child development center.

ing his childcare slot is an airman. Because of this, Sergeant Jeffcoat said he is only charging the lessee at the airman’s rate and will pay the difference himself.

“I’ll still be saving money this way, and that’s why I’m glad a program like this has been started up,” Sergeant

Jeffcoat said. “It’s beneficial for everyone.”

The cost per child is determined by total family income. However, regardless of lessee’s income, the slot remains at the same weekly rate the family subletting the childcare slot pays.

Therefore, a sergeant leasing an airman’s slot pays the airman’s weekly

rate, and an airman leasing a sergeant’s slot pays the sergeant’s weekly rate.

Open childcare slots listed by specifying age groups and dates available are advertised on a bulletin board inside the CDC.

For more information, call the center at (623) 856-6338.

TRICARE PRIME

Junior enlisted members families’ encouraged to enroll

TRICARE prime enrollment enhances access for family members of E-1 through E-4

Targeting junior enlisted family members, the TRICARE Management Activity sent letters in June to E-1 to E-4 airmen with family members encouraging them to enroll in TRICARE Prime.

“While the vast majority of active-duty family members have already enrolled in TRICARE Prime, some may not be,” said Thomas F. Carrato, TMA executive director. “There may be exceptions, but we believe TRICARE Prime is the best option for most of these families.”

TRICARE Prime benefits include priority access at the military treatment facility, timely access to a designated primary care manager, minimal out-of-pocket costs and no claim forms to file, Mr. Carrato said. E-1 to E-4 family members can also elect to disenroll at any time and are not subject to the one-year lockout for early disenrollment.

“Our goal is to ensure these families have the most up-to-date information available to them, so they can make an informed decision to enroll in TRICARE Prime, or decline enrollment and continue using the TRICARE Extra or Standard benefit,” Mr. Carrato said.

After the letters are mailed, the primary means to identifying E-1 to E-4 families is during in-processing.

“We hope to identify these families as the sponsor reports to a new duty assignment,” said Lt. Col. Loretta Bailey, TMA enrollment project officer. “We will depend on the support of unit commanders, first sergeants and local installation support services who have direct contact with these families to refer non-enrolled family members to (Luke’s) TRICARE Service Center for assistance.”

Family members electing TRICARE Prime must complete an enrollment application to document enrollment information and primary care manager preferences. Once enrolled, the family member’s enrollment

can be transferred between TRICARE regions.

TRICARE Prime enrollments, except for those on Active Duty, is voluntary. Family members can choose which of the three options – TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard – best meet their health care needs and may terminate their enrollment in TRICARE Prime at any time, Mr. Carroto said. To disenroll, the sponsor or the family member must notify their regional managed care support contractor.

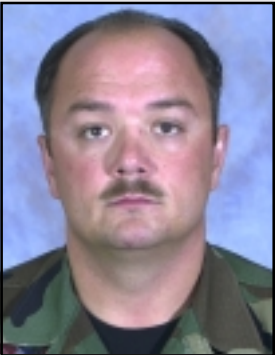
“We continually seek ways to make the TRICARE benefit even better and more convenient for our beneficiaries. Enrolling our junior enlisted family members in TRICARE Prime will guarantee them priority access,” Mr. Carrato said.

Additional information on TRICARE Prime enrollment is available on the Military Health System TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil or by contacting a TRICARE service center representative at (623) 535-2460. *(Courtesy of the TRICARE Management Activity office)*

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members’ contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Staff Sgt. Jeffery Wendall, 63rd Fighter Squadron
Duty Title: Crew chief
Hometown: Xenia, Ohio
Family: Wife, Laronda; daughter, Alicen, 9; and son, Jacob, 5
Years in service: 11
Previous assignments: Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
Goals: To be a U.S. Air Force Thunderbird crew chief, and retire as a senior or chief master sergeant
Famous last words: You got a second, do it right the first time
Commander’s comments: “Jeff embodies the warrior spirit,” said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. “His tireless dedication and attention to detail helped make the Thunderbolt flagship the envy of the fleet. As a new squadron expediter, he will continue to lead and mentor young crew chiefs to excellence!”



Wendall

Luke’s Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members’ outstanding customer service.

Name: Tech. Sgt. George Jozens, 56th Fighter Wing
Duty title: Public Affairs NCO in charge, the guy with the most stripes
Hometown: Peoria, Ariz., is as close as anywhere
Family: A great wife, Theresa; daughter, Michelle, 16; and son, Mike, 14
Years in service: 17.5 active-duty, 3.5 Iowa Air National Guard
Goals: To promote myself back to Luke as a first sergeant
Inspirations: My father, may he rest in peace
Greatest feat: Having a great wife for the last 19 years and raising two awesome brats
Famous last words: You don’t want to know how I did it
Self Description: Able to find a way to do anything, legally
Commander’s comments: “Sergeant Jozens has been a mainstay in one of the Air Force’s busiest Public Affairs shops,” Colonel Sargeant said. “He’ll be missed, but his talents are sorely needed at our sister AETC base at Vance.”



Jozens

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POW/MIA poster reflects unwavering determination

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Veterans, ex-POWs, MIA family members and active duty military people comprise a poster for National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 21 that officials tout as “bigger and better” than last year’s.

The Defense Department is sending the poster, with the theme “Their Service ... Our Duty” to military units worldwide, including ships at sea.

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office is also distributing the poster to veteran’s and family organizations.

“All military units around the world will have the poster in plenty of time to use it for National POW/MIA Recognition Day,” said Larry Greer, POW/Missing Personnel Office public affairs. “People can also download it from the Internet.”

This is the second year the poster is available the poster available in a lot of different sizes. People can download small or large sizes and print it in color

or black and white. They can use it in their POW/MIA Recognition Day programs, reprint it — do whatever they want to with it.”

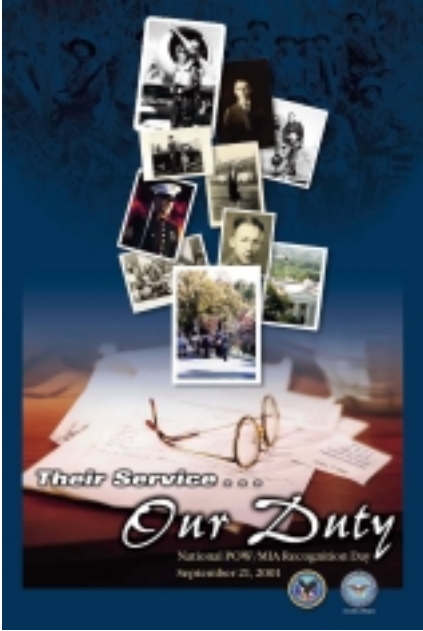
The DPMO Web site — at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/index.htm> — receives as many as 152,000 hits per

week from people requesting documents. “We’ve found that interest in our Web site picks up right before National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The poster was unveiled during the National League of Families annual convention in Washington recently. “The families really spoke highly of the poster and we’re getting very good feedback from a lot of people,” Greer said. “We printed about 150,000 posters this year as compared to

about 130,000 last year.”

He said the picture arrangement on the poster shows the service members who went off to war and made their sacrifices for our country. “Now we must continue to do our duty to achieve the fullest possible accounting of those who never returned,” Greer said.



Luke Leaders

Lt. Col. John Lohr took command of the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron July 3.

Hometown: Springfield, Va.
Family: Wife, Susan; and daughter, Samantha; and son, Robert, who are 11-year-old twins
Years in service: 17

Previous assignments: Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.; Lajes Field, Portuguese Azores; Scott AFB, Ill.; U.S. Air Force Headquarters, Washington; Homestead AFB, Fla.; and Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Inspirations: My family. Their strength and love make it possible for me to focus on the mission, but their love for fun and entertainment keep things in perspective.

Greatest feat: Acquiring my architectural license

Self-description: Competitive, driven, attention to detail — golf enthusiast

Bad habits: Spending too much time at the office

Famous last words: Have you considered ...

Favorite TV program: “West Wing”

Book at bedside: Usually a good Stephen King novel or “Golf Digest” magazine

Car in garage: Family minivan



Lohr

AF recommends bomb stay put

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recommended July 11 not to recover a nuclear training bomb jettisoned off the coast of Savannah, Ga., in February 1958.

The training bomb, which has about 400 pounds of explosives, will remain categorized as irretrievably lost.

Air Force officials consulted with the Navy, the Energy Department and the Savannah District Army Corps of Engineers to investigate the details surrounding the incident, the current condition of the bomb and associated hazards.

Each agency studied these areas independently. The collective opinion is to leave the bomb undisturbed.

Since there was no nuclear capsule on the bomb there is no possibility of a nuclear explosion.

The findings also determined that by leaving the bomb undisturbed, the explosives in the bomb are not hazardous to the public. However, the explosives could pose a serious hazard to people and the environment if disturbed by a recovery attempt.

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Fini flight ...

Courtesy photo

Col. Edward Kasl, 56th Fighter Wing vice commander, is held in place July 6 by his son John after the colonel landed from his final F-16 flight at Luke. Colonel Kasl will become the chief of standardization and evaluation for U.S. Air Force in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Airman receives jail time for drug use

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Senior Airman Jason Huchel from the 721st Communications Squadron at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., was found guilty of 10 drug charges at a general court-martial recently.

Airman Huchel was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, reduction in grade to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and five years confinement for the use and distribution of LSD,

Ecstasy, marijuana and ketamine.

"The strong sentence imposed by the members of the jury sends a message that drugs will not be tolerated in today's Air Force," said Capt. Nathan Kearns, 21st Space Wing chief of military justice.

"Hopefully, this case will help educate those who are using, or even considering using or selling illicit drugs," Captain Kearns said.

Active-duty retirees may join AF Reserve

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Reserve is offering active-duty military retirees the opportunity to return to military service.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2001 added Section 12741 to Chapter 1223, Title 10 USC, which permits retired active-component service people, who later serve in the Air Force Reserve, to elect retirement as members of the retired reserve.

In addition to helping Air Force Reserve Command fill a critical need, active-duty retirees will receive several benefits for continued military service as reservists.

These incentives include increased retirement income by earning points and or pay while serving; promotion opportunity to a higher grade and retirement in that grade; renewed esprit de corps and camaraderie enjoyed on active duty; and the possibility of serving in another career field and receiving new training.

To be eligible for this program, people must be regular active-duty Air Force retirees who retired not more than five years ago, or current active-duty members with an approved, projected retirement date. The program is open to all career fields.

The Air Force Reserve will consider all applicants as long as there are valid vacancies to be filled, and they meet the program's criteria. Some people may have to retrain to meet the needs of

the Air Force Reserve.

Once retirees become members of the Air Force Reserve, they will participate within the regular boundaries of the Reserve's rules for promotion, continuation, utilization and retirement.

In addition to being physically qualified, retirees must meet current Air Force Reserve high-year-tenure or mandatory separation date rules, which require reservists to retire or separate by age 60.

For example, participation in the Reserve is limited to a total of 33 years service unless enlisted reservists request and obtain an extension.

The retirees will continue to draw active-duty retirement pay, but will not receive dual compensation for active-duty retirement pay and participation in the Reserve. Their active-duty retirement paycheck will be reduced by 1/30th for each day of reserve duty; however, they will receive a full reserve pay check for duty performed on that same day. During a drill weekend, reservists receive the equivalent of one day of active-duty pay for every four hours of service.

If promoted, members may elect reserve retirement pay in the higher grade at age 60. Even if not promoted, they may request recomputation of their retired pay because of reserve participation.

Interested people who believe they qualify for the program may contact the nearest Air Force Reserve recruiter or call (800) 257-1212 for details.

Recent studies show effects of alcohol on women vs. men

Men and women, when it comes to alcohol, are not influenced the same, according to recent studies.

Most knowledge about alcoholism has been gathered from studies conducted with a predominance of male subjects, but recent studies involving more female subjects reveal alcohol affects women differently.

Studies in the general population indicate that fewer women than men drink. It is estimated that of the 15.1 million alcohol-abusing or alcohol-dependent individuals in the United States, less than a third of them are women.

Contrary to popular belief, women who have multiple roles – mothers, wife, co-worker — may have lower rates of alcohol problems than women who do not. Women who have never married, are divorced or separated are more likely to drink heavily and experience alcohol-related problems than married women or those who are widowed.

“Many people are not aware there is a significant difference in the impact of alcohol on men and women,” said Capt. Lisa Whitney, 56th Medical Operations Squadron alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment chief.

Studies of women alcoholics in treatment suggest

they often experience greater physiological impairment earlier in their drinking careers, despite having consumed less alcohol than men. Chronic alcohol abuse exacts a greater physical toll on women than men.

“If women are going to drink, they need to know it will effect them differently than their male counterparts,” Captain Whitney said.

Female alcoholics have death rates 50 to 100 percent higher than those of male alcoholics. Further, a greater percentage of women alcoholics die from suicides, alcohol-related accidents, circulatory disorders and cirrhosis of the liver.

Increasing evidence suggests the detrimental effects of alcohol on the liver are more severe for women than for men. Women develop alcoholic liver disease after a comparatively shorter period of heavy drinking and at a lower level of daily drinking than men. The exact reasons for this heightened vulnerability are unclear.

“It is for this reason our younger women need to be aware they have different impacts from alcohol,” Captain Whitney said.

For answers regarding alcohol and drug abuse and misuse, call the ADAPT program at 856-7579. *(Courtesy of the 56th Medical Group)*

ROTC scholarship applications online

By Ann Easterling

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Students looking to offset the costs of higher education and join the Air Force as an officer can surf the Web for scholarship opportunities.

They can now apply for scholarships using the Internet at AFROTC.com.

“We wanted to offer the easiest access to our opportunities as well as show students what Air Force ROTC is really about,” said Maj. Dennis Millsap, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps recruiting chief. “The site is designed to show student life as an Air Force ROTC cadet including real-life student experiences and extreme summer-adventure programs.”

Air Force ROTC, the Air Force's largest and oldest officer commissioning source, launched the site to reach college-bound students in an increasingly difficult recruiting market.

“The site encourages students to push their minds, their dreams, their limits and their lives and consider what Air Force ROTC offers,” Major Millsap said.

Feature

Investments

Thrift Savings Plan benefits members Oct. 9

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Service members can sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan beginning Oct. 9, Defense Department officials said.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement and investment plan, which has been available to civilian government workers since 1987. Congress extended the plan to include service members as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

“It’s in addition to your regular retirement,” said Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, a tax expert with DOD’s Office of Military Compensation.

TSP is an optional program, Colonel Emswiler said. Participation is not automatic. Service members wishing to participate in the program must sign up during the open season.

The open season is Oct. 9 to Dec. 8 with deductions starting in January 2002. In 2002, service members can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay. That limit of 7 percent of basic pay will rise to 10 percent by 2005 and become unlimited in 2006.

Money participants invest comes from “pre-tax” dollars and reduces their current taxable income. Service members will pay no federal or state income taxes on contributions or earnings until they’re withdrawn. According to the TSP Web site, the amount participants contribute and the earnings attributable to the contributions belong to the participant no matter how long they serve in the military.

The program is open to all uniformed military members and members of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration servicing on active duty and members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard of those services. Uniformed services retirees cannot participate.

TSP is designed to allow active-duty members and

members of the Ready Reserve and National Guard to save part of their military pay for retirement. It is for this reason only pay for active service, basic pay, incentive pay, special pay, and bonuses, can be contributed.

In fact, service members will be able to contribute all or a percentage of any special pay, incentive pay or bonus pay they receive. This differs for civilians who cannot make lump-sum payments into the program.

“You can contribute from 1 percent to 100 percent of your special pays, incentives and bonuses into the thrift plan,” Colonel Emswiler said. The total amount generally cannot exceed \$10,500 for the year. Contributions from pay earned in a combat zone will not count against the \$10,500 ceiling. Combat zone contributions will be subject to a different limitation, 25 percent of pay or \$35,000, whichever is less.

Like civilian employees in the program, service members will choose how they want their money invested. There are five funds civilians choose from. The funds run the gamut from safe, the G Fund invests in special government bond, to riskier investments, the C Fund tied to the stock market. There is also an F Funds that invests in commercial bonds. TSP unveiled two other funds in May. S Fund investments go to a stock index fund that paces small businesses. I Fund investors will track international companies the same way.

Service members will be able to start, change or re-allocate their TSP contributions during two open seasons held each year, in November to January and May to July.

“Because bonuses are hard to predict, if you are already participating in the plan and contributing from basic pay and you receive, for example, a re-enlistment bonus, you can elect to contribute at any time,” Colonel Emswiler said.

For more information about the Thrift Savings Plan for uniformed services, visit the TSP Web page at www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html.

Members urged to observe LES

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials are asking people who have re-enlisted, extended their enlistments or been promoted recently to look closely at their latest Leave and Earnings Statements to ensure they are receiving all of their pay.

Problems with the Air Force’s new personnel data system, MilMod, may have caused the “suspension of pay records” for those who re-enlisted within 30 days of their dates of separation or who have extended their enlistment since late April.

These problems could lead to those individuals not being paid, said AFPC officials.

“What this means is that some folks may not have gotten paid, or may not see expected increases in their pay,” said Lt. Col. Richard Treasure, systems requirements division chief. “This really bothers us since we’ve been working hardest with this transition to keep peoples’ pay from being affected. And it takes on that much more urgency now.”

There is, however, a way for those impacted to receive their money, according to Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials. Affected airmen can take their re-enlistment or extension contract to their accounting and finance office to receive their pay through electronic funds transfer that takes, on average, three to five days.

Another problem affects the pay for airmen promoted in June. Some officers and enlisted members promoted in June did not get their pay increase on time, according to Colonel Treasure. That problem was slated for correction by the mid-July, he said.

Individuals who find discrepancies with their LES should work with the local military personnel flights and accounting and finance offices.

Real-time survey gives leaders daily pulse of force

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In the past, Air Force-wide equal opportunity climate surveys cost millions of dollars and oftentimes took years for results to be released. Beginning this fall, all that will change.

A real-time equal opportunity unit climate assessment will be available Oct. 1, said Lt. Col. Kevin Driscoll, military equal opportunity chief at the Pentagon.

Surveys can be routine or directed, and will be given every time there is a change of command, a problem within a unit, or whenever a commander wants to know what people in the unit think.

The program was developed to cut down on cost and time, and to provide commanders at all levels — unit, wing, major command and headquarters — with a timely tool to routinely check the pulse of the force.

The survey offers a standard set of 39 questions with additional questions available to unit commanders to develop lo-

cally. It addresses a wide range of topics including job satisfaction, peer relationships, unit leadership, communication, sexual harassment and discrimination. This data can be rolled up by wing, base, MAJCOM and overall Air Force climate data results. As data rolls up, any subordinate-level command identification is purged.

Commanders may add up to 10 questions to find out anything they want to know, Colonel Driscoll said. The military equal opportunity people at the base office will add them to the data base for that unit.

At a minimum, surveys will be given at each unit every two years. Essentially, Colonel Driscoll said, half of the force will have an opportunity to participate each year. Unlike past Department of Defense equal opportunity or service surveys,

where results were released later, this Web-based survey will have immediate results.

Because the survey is computer-based there is little room for human database entry errors.

In the past, surveys were very labor intensive and time consuming, Colonel Driscoll said. The new survey will cut base-level administration by

60 percent, while giving unit commanders a timely and consistent product.

“It’s real-time information to leadership of how the climate (of the Air Force) is,” he said.

To access the survey, people will log onto a secure server with a one-time user password. These passwords are randomly generated and assigned, but are survey specific. The survey can be accessed from any computer, anywhere in the world,

and is 100-percent confidential.

Unlike past surveys, Colonel Driscoll said this survey also clarifies who a certain question is about. Prior surveys would ask questions about commanders or first sergeants, which oftentimes confused people.

“Sometimes a commander had just arrived and people didn’t know if they should answer the question about the old commander or the new commander,” he said. “The new survey provides the name of the person referred to in the question.”

Results can be broken down by Air Force Specialty Code, rank, race, gender and unit type. It’s also broken down further to include military, as well as civilians, local nationals, contractors and nonappropriated-fund employees.

“This is a powerful tool,” Colonel Driscoll said. “For example, if we wanted more information on why a selected career field is having retention problems, we can pull the data by AFSC and provide that information to the personnel managers.” The survey could still be completed by hand for those without computer availability, Colonel Driscoll said.

“This is a powerful tool... we can pull the data by AFSC and provide that information to the personnel managers.”

Lt. Col. Kevin Driscoll
Pentagon military equal opportunity chief



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dooms

Senior Airman Daniel Nored, 56th Medical Operations Squadron emergency room medical technician and volunteer encampment instructor, marches the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets to the dining facility for lunch.

'Tench' hut!

Junior ROTC cadets 'camp' at Luke

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
56th Fighter wing Public Affairs

Parents who send their sons and daughters to summer camp often think of campfires, sing-alongs, log cabins and other traditional summer camp fare.

That's not the case for 28 high school students who attended the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Summer Encampment at Luke. The closest they've come to a sing-along during the five-day "camp" was when the instructors yelled in their ears to "fall in" for formation.

The students are all members of three West Valley high schools' Air Force Junior ROTC programs. They belong to squadrons at Cactus, Deer Valley and Shadow Mountain high schools. The cadets are learning leadership skills such as group conflict, group dynamics, conflict resolution and communications skills.

"The encampment is a combination of airman leadership school curriculum and Basic Military Training condensed into a five-day program," said Staff Sgt. Otis Clay, 56th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight fuels distribution trainer and one of 15 volunteer instructors. "The week includes PC (physical conditioning) at 5:15 a.m., reveille and retreat, drill and ceremonies in addition to classroom work."

Also included in the curriculum is a tour of base organizations, Sergeant Clay said. He added it's important they learn not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot, and it takes teamwork to get an aircraft in the air.

"Getting the encampment together



Staff Sgt. Alex Brown, Basic Military Training instructor at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, inspects the cadets during formation.

could not have been done without help from various base organizations," Sergeant Clay added.

Support came from various units including the 56th Services Squadron, Luke Airman Leadership School faculty and staff, the 56th Medical Group and all the squadrons who allowed their people to serve as instructors during the week.

By participating in the program, the students learn skills necessary to fill leadership positions at their Junior ROTC squadrons. They may become first sergeants or flight, squadron and deputy commanders.

"The Air Force also benefits because most of the cadets plan to join the military," Sergeant Clay said. "Even if they don't, they still

have learned valuable life skills."

Cadet Senior Airman Jennifer Moshman, Cactus High School, agrees.

"It's tough," Cadet Moshman said, who was expecting classroom work only. "You learn a lot about discipline and leadership. It actually gets you to have self confidence in yourself."

Cadet Moshman is entering 10th grade this fall when she also begins her second year in Junior ROTC. The program has helped her realize her goals ahead of time and is giving her tools on how to accomplish them. She plans to become an Air Force pediatrician.

Even without the S'mores, sing-alongs and campfires, "camp" for these cadets will still be something they'll never forget.



(From left) Cadet Staff Sgt. Jessica Siqueiros salutes as Cadet Senior Airman Aram Song, Cadet Master Sgt. Ryan Lloyd and Cadet Staff Sgt. Ryan Reed raise the flag during reveille.

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Thunderbolts float the Salt River

Story and photos by Airman
Kara Philp

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A group of Thunderbolts took a float trip June 30 down the Salt River as one of many Adventure Tours organized by the Outdoor Recreation Center.

The trip included full transportation, tube rental and a barbecue following the river ride.

The group of 28 headed to the Salt River in two full vans on a day that started out hot.

Upon arrival at the Salt River Recreation Center, each person grabbed a tube and waited in line for a ride to the river. They filed on the large school bus, temporarily stacking their tubes on top of each other for the short ride to the drop-off location.

The group disembarked from the bus to see people of all sorts placing coolers in their tubes, wrapping their tubes with sheets to avoid the heat, covering themselves in sunscreen and grabbing a last minute bite to eat.

Once the tubes were in the river, there was no turning back. It was the people, the tubes and nature.

"I was expecting a relaxing day away from the base because there is nothing better on a really hot day than spending time with friends while cooling off and relaxing," said Airman Basic Janet Perez, 56th Medical Support Squadron personnel apprentice.

As the group headed further down the river, they started drifting from each



Members of the 62nd Fighter Squadron enjoy the sun and scenery as they voyage down the Salt River June 30.

other. Eventually the only remaining groups were bound together with small rope. As the day got brighter, the group fought off bugs and sunburns, but that had very little impact on the amount of fun everyone was having.

"The river was a challenge. That kept it interesting, even though we were on the river so long there was never a dull moment," Airman Perez said.

After five hours of floating, the group spied the end of the trip approaching. Blue canopies and the smell of barbecuing chicken led the group to the reuniting location.

There, as they dried off, the floaters enjoyed a picnic provided by Outdoor Recreation center staff.

After the barbecue, everyone helped pack up the chairs, tables and stoves and

made their way back to the buses. After returning the tubes and getting back in the vans to go home, the group relaxed after the exhausting, but enjoyable, day on the river.

"These activities give people a chance to meet different folks on base, from all different squadrons, offices as well as civilians," said Neil Washburn, 56th Services Squadron outdoor recreation adventure tours coordinator.

"These trips are very cost effective when you break it down," Mr. Washburn said. "We cover the transportation, tube rental and have a meal ready for them the minute they step out of the water at the end."

We are here to serve the folks at Luke, and that is what we like doing," he said.



A bus load of Thunderbolts ride back after their wild ride on the river.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following worship services are at the Luke Community Chapel unless stated otherwise:

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday traditional service is at 8 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday gospel service is at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Sunday contemporary service is at 11 a.m.; children's church available.
- ♦ "Singles at the Way" is Saturdays at 6 p.m.
- ♦ "Youth at the Way" is Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Catholic

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon.

Muslim prayer

Muslims in the Luke community interested in Friday congregational prayers should call the chapel for details.

Religious education

- ♦ Confirmation classes are Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.
- ♦ The junior Catholic youth group meets Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ The Catholic youth group meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Luke Community Chapel.

Vacation education

- ♦ Catholic Vacation Bible School is July 23 to 27 at Luke Community Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon for ages preschool to 6th grade. For more information on these and other Luke chapel programs, call Loida Lagang at (623) 856-6211.

Around Base

Meet the Manager

Luke Exchange is holding a Meet the Manager Day Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 1540. For more information, call (623) 935-1263.

AFA lunch

The Air Force Association holds their monthly lunch Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. For more information, call Harry Bailey at (623) 846-7483.



VA Medical Center

The Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center celebrates 50 years of service to veterans by offering tours of the facility to learn about the facility and an overview of the services provided. To register for the tour or for more information, call Paula Pendene at (800) 648-2725.

Youth camp

Youth Water Safety Camp is July 23 through 27 at 9 to 9:50 a.m. or 10 to 10:50 a.m. each day. The camp teaches children how to be safe around water. Children must be 4 to 13 years old. Cost is \$6 per child for the week. For information, call (623) 856-8449.

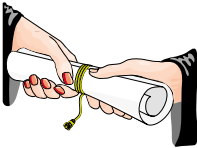


Open recreation

Teens 13 to 18 years old can play Sony Playstation, Sega Dreamcast, ping pong, basketball, foosball or several board games July 23 and 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

College information fair

A college information fair is July 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 56th Support Group Bldg. 1150. Many regionally accredited colleges, universities and on-base schools are attending this fair. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Patricia Parker at (623) 856-7725.



Preteen tournament

A Sony Playstation tournament is July 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the youth center for preteens 10 to 12 years old. Cost is \$3 per person. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Kids in the kitchen

Youths 11 to 13 years old can make ice cream cookie sandwiches July 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$3 per person, and registration deadline is July 23. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Teen Supreme Keystone Club

The Teen Supreme Keystone Club meets July 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center. The club offers life-skills workshops, social activities and community service projects. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Teen dance

A teen dance is July 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the youth center. Admission is \$1 per teen, \$2 for teen guests. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Cultural meals

The Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility serves a variety of cultural meals Wednesdays in July. Scheduled meals include cajun-style Wednesday and Italian July 25. For more information, call (623) 856-6238.



Birthday meal

Airmen living in base dormitories celebrating birthdays in June and July are invited to attend a birthday meal July 26 at 5 p.m. at the Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility. The menu includes a choice of steak and lobster or steak and shrimp dinner. For more information, call (623) 856-6238.



Congressional Award

The Congressional Award program has an informational session July 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center. The program recognizes teens for achieving individual goals. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Torch Club

The Torch Club meets July 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

American Red Cross

- ♦ A new volunteer orientation class is July 26 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1077.
- ♦ An adult, infant and child CPR and first aid



class is Aug. 4 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1077. Cost is \$22 per person. To register or for more information, call (623) 856-7823.

Luke elementary school

Luke elementary school starts Aug. 6 and parents are invited to meet the teachers Aug. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. For new starting hours and other information, call (623) 876-7300.



Retiree Appreciation Day

Luke Retiree Appreciation Day is Oct. 27. For more information, call William Wilkinson at (623) 856-3923.

Story time

- ♦ The youth summer reading program is Thursdays though Aug. 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children preschool to 12 years old are invited to participate. Thursday's story is about children around the world.
- ♦ Dial-a-story is available at (623) 856-6015. The program is sponsored by the Luke Officers' Spouses' Club.



Outdoor recreation

The 56th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center offers a variety of trips for all ages. For more information on these and other trips, call (623) 856-6267.

Mexico shopping trip

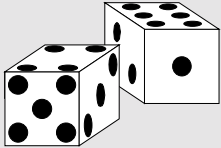
A shopping trip to Algodones, Mexico is Saturday. The cost is \$20 per person.

Laughlin trip

Laughlin, Nev., gaming tours are Sunday and August 19. There is no charge and participants must be at least 21 years old.

Las Vegas weekend

A Las Vegas gaming trip is Aug. 3 to 5. The cost is \$100 per person. The trip is only open to people 21 or older. The cost includes lodging, shuttle service and transportation.



Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$3 per adult, \$1.50 for children 11 and under. For more information or for a movie schedule, e-mail lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com.



Today and Saturday
“**Pearl Harbor**” (PG-13)
Stars Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Alec Baldwin.
Set during the time of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, two friends are caught up in the events that draw the United States into World War II. One of them enlists with the U.S. Army Air Corps and the other flies for the British Royal Air Force, but they both find themselves in love with the same woman. (213 minutes)

Sunday
“**Moulin Rouge**” (PG-13)
Stars Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Jim Broadbent, John Leguizamo and Richard Roxburgh.

Christian, a young writer with a magical gift for poetry, defies his bourgeois father by moving to the bohemian underworld of Montmatre, Paris.
He is taken in by the absinthe-soaked artist Toulouse-Lautrec, whose party-hard life centers around the Moulin Rouge, a world of sex, drugs, electricity and the shocking Can-Can.
Christian falls into a passionate, but ultimately doomed, love affair with Satine, the Sparkling Diamond, the most beautiful courtesan in Paris and star of the Moulin Rouge. (126 minutes)



July 20 and 21
The theater is closed to the public due to the Missoula Children’s Theater workshop. The workshop concludes with two public performances of “**Treasure Island**,” July 21 at 3 and 7 p.m., at the theater. Admission is \$5 per person, per performance.

Heir Born

The following babies were born at the Luke hospital.

June 3
♦ Danté Javier to Tranada Ross and Cesar Hernandez

June 4
♦ Ethan Robert to Amy and Robert Pepper

June 6
♦ Cayla Malay to Angela and John Sanford

June 7
♦ India Audreanna to Latisha Sendejo and Purnell Smith
♦ Blake Austin to Amber and Jason Fazio

June 8
♦ Reagan Reneé to Kimberly and John Gloystien
♦ Kelly Anastasia to Ann and Mark Brinkman

June 12
♦ Cambrie Carolann to Clarissa and James Ellison

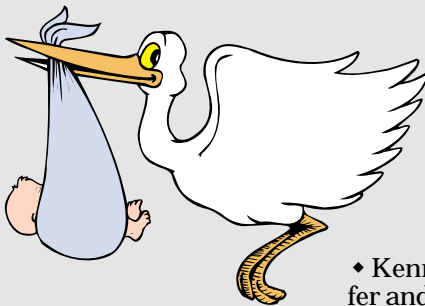
June 13
♦ Scarlett Rian to Andi and Ryan Evans

June 14
♦ Rachel Anne to Dawn and Matthew Lauer

♦ Katja Michelle Roslyn Samantha to Sandy and Christian Bertley

June 15
♦ Megan Nicole to Isabel and Matt Kirker

June 22
♦ Troy Laine to Joan and Jesse Barnes
♦ Natalie Marie to Victoria and Matthew Arthurs



June 23
♦ Blake Thomas to Carri and Antonio Filippi

June 24
♦ Leila Manuela to Melissa and Henry Millan

♦ Kenna Jean to Jennifer and Brian Elliot

June 25
♦ Emmaline Isabella to Angela and Mark Marshall
♦ Ethan Alekzander to Robin and Lance Mitchell
♦ Alexander Joseph to Melinda and Joseph Kiddish

June 26
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Crossroads opens flea market online

WASHINGTON — The Air Force’s Crossroads Web site recently unveiled its newest endeavor, a flea market.

The site eases permanent change-of-station moves and help improve retention, said Stefanie Myers, Air Force Family Matters Office community programs outreach assistant.

“People almost religiously want to go through and get rid of things when they PCS,” she said. “We realized there wasn’t any centralized location for Air Force members to post items for sale (over the Internet).”

With the flea market option, Ms. Myers said people can post items, categorized into the auto lot, boat lot, household items, and homes and apartments. They can also search by location and item type.

The flea market is free and for members of the Air Force community only, Ms. Myers said. Access is password-protected.

Although Crossroads provides the site, the posting and sale of items is conducted between buyer and seller only. For more information, go to the Web site at www.afcrossroads.com.

Salutes

The following people are the quarterly award winners from the squadrons listed:

56th Comptrollers Squadron

Airman: Senior Airman Brook Gebreyesus
NCO: Staff Sgt. Angus Newton
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Curtis Merritt
Company grade officer: Capt. Jack Gardner
Civilian, GS-6 and below: Susan Stifle
Civilian, GS-7 and above: Marlene Sims

56th Component Repair Squadron

Airman: Senior Airman Andrew Albright
NCO: Staff Sgt. Eric McCammond
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Mitchell Cameron
CGO: 2nd Lt. Paul Lysko
Civilian: Edward Broderick

21st Fighter Squadron

Airman: Airman 1st Class Patrick Nobles
NCO: Staff Sgt. Gregory McMillan
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Antonio Sanchez
Instructor pilot: Maj. Michael Wang

CGO: Capt. Douglas Demaio
Field grade officer: Maj. Laurence Bostrom
Weapons load crew: Staff Sgt. Allen Brezenski, Senior Airman Matthew Wright and Airman 1st Class Jermy Coppock.
Weapons technician: Staff Sgt. Joseph Faust
Specialist, airman: Senior Airman Tonelious Williams
Specialist, NCO: Staff Sgt. Stephen Webb
Sortie support provider: Senior Airman Joshua Santo
Crew chiefs of the month: April, Staff Sgt. Dana Clapp; May, Senior Airman Ryan Douglass; and June, Airman 1st Class Charles Craig.

Top Wheels winners

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron took home the Top Wheels award in the general purpose vehicle category during the recent competition.

The 56th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight won the Top Wheels award for the special purpose vehicle category.

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Championship

56th SUPS declares victory, beats 56th CRS in two-game standoff

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The base intramural softball championship was decided this week with 56th Supply Squadron being victorious as they overcame 56th Component Repair Squadron who fought from the loser's bracket.

56th CRS made an excellent show of it as they beat 56th SUPS during the first game, 10-8.

With both teams having a loss in the double-elimination championship game, 56th SUPS returned the favor and spanked 56th CRS, 20-9.

Game 1

The first game was scoreless until the top of the second inning when 56th CRS second baseman Carl Dreessen hit a two-RBI double and later scored from a single by right fielder Chris Amundson.

56th SUPS didn't score until they capitalized on an error in the third, with the score 3-1 after three innings.

56th CRS continued to pepper the field with singles, scoring two unanswered runs in the top of the fourth and three runs in the fifth inning.

56th SUPS rallied in the bottom of the sixth inning coming up a run short of tying the score, 7-8.

During the final inning, 56th CRS added two runs to pad their score.

56th SUPS right-center fielder Gary Topping came up with an in-the-park home run as the lead off batter in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The rest of the team didn't come to rally, though, as a pair of singles was all 56th SUPS could muster before 56th CRS gave them their first loss of the championship tournament, 10-7.

Game 2

The final championship game wasn't quite the same as 56th SUPS avenged themselves by beating 56th CRS, 20-9.

56th SUPS jumped on 56th CRS early with the first three batters all scoring after a splattering of singles from the top of the line up.

They also gave no mercy to 56th CRS by batting through the line up in the second inning.



Staff Sgt. Paul Stone

The 56th Supply Squadron team poses for a photo after the trophy presentation. They lost the first game against the 56th Component Repair Squadron during the championship, 10-8, but won the second, 20-9.

The highlight of the game was a grand-slam home run by third baseman Tim Tesar in addition to the other four earned runs 56th SUPS added to their lead in the top of the second inning.

56th SUPS just kept adding to the board with two more in the fourth. 56th CRS answered those scores, though, putting three marks on the score board in the bottom of the fourth.

56th SUPS added another run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

56th CRS tried to catch up by scoring three more

in the sixth, but the score was 16-6 after the end of the inning.

56th SUPS continued to pound on 56th CRS in the seventh inning with four more runs.

56th CRS didn't give up though. The first two batters scored and the second two flew out. A late two-out rally was destroyed as a fly ball to center field ended the championship, and they had only put up three marks.

56th SUPS were crowned champions with the 20-9 victory.

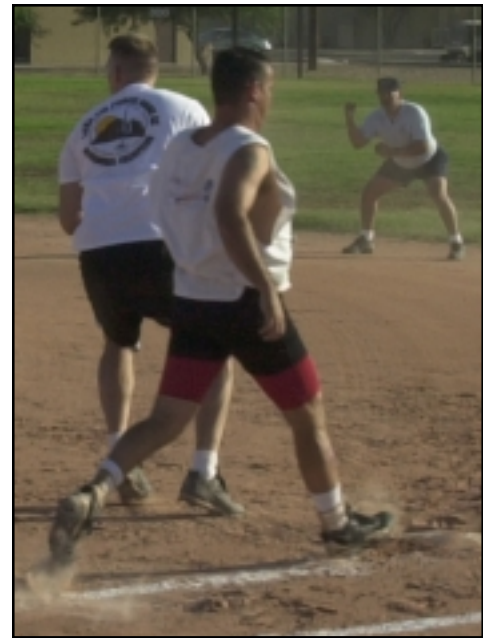
CRS beats Ducks, 9-5, advance to championship finals

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Component Repair Squadron got revenge on the 309th Fighter Squadron Wild Ducks Tuesday by beating them, 9-5, during the intramural softball Championship.

This was the third time the two teams knocked heads and the first time 56th CRS came out victorious.

The Ducks started the first inning



Master Sgt. Brandt Smith

The first base umpire calls Ducks short stop Donald "Wags" Wagner out at first as 56th Component Repair Squadron Alan Dawkin walks away after completing the play.

strong by knocking singles all over the field.

Left-center fielder Shawn Anderson hit a single to center field. He advanced to second when 56th CRS catcher Ray Barnes threw Ducks catcher Pat Murphy out at first after a bunt.

Short stop Donald "Wags" Wagner drove Anderson home from second when he singled to right-center field. Pitcher Keith "Gunny" Gunnells also singled to right-center. Third baseman Donald "Flounder" Stroud singled to 56th CRS short stop Eric Hale moving Wagner across home.

Left fielder Lou Siano hit a double in the left side gap, driving Gunnells home. Stroud made it home off a single from right fielder Chris Carlson. Both Siano and Carlson were left on base as Ducks coach Michael Summitt was called out at first to end the inning.

The bottom of the first inning went quickly as Ducks pitcher Gunnells threw out lead-off hitter and left fielder Dan Yeck at first. Gunnells walked left-center fielder Rolland "Rollo" Mills who advanced to second by a sacrifice ball from catcher Barnes, then home off a single by third baseman John "JC" Cruz. Hale ended the inning when he popped a fly to right-center. After the first inning, the score was, 4-1, Ducks favor.

The second inning went quickly for both teams as Ducks late arrival and right-center fielder Jesse Rios flew out to left field, with first baseman Jay McDowell and Anderson both thrown out at first. 56th CRS fared a little better as pitcher Gunnell threw out right-center fielder Mike Martisch

at first and second baseman Carl Dreessen flew out to left-center field. First baseman Alan Dawkin singled to the short stop but was left hanging when right fielder Chris Amundson flew out to right field.

The top of the third inning was quick for the Ducks as Murphy doubled off third baseman Cruz's overthrow to first. He progressed to third during a fielder's choice by the second baseman as he threw Wagner out at first. Murphy was stranded as Gunnells flew out to the pitcher and the short stop threw out Stroud at first.

56th CRS kicked into gear during a one-out rally in the bottom of the third after pitcher Bob Coit flew out to left field. Yeck singled to shallow left field and booked it home off Mills' single past the second base. Barnes knocked a grounder through the infield for a single. Cruz drove Mills home with a double to right-center field. Hale singled past second and scoring both Barnes and Cruz. Martisch followed with a shot to third baseman Stroud who tossed to second baseman Ken "Rags" Rengering who dropped the ball. Dreessen hit to third baseman Stroud who tagged the base to get Hale out. Martisch crossed home off Dawkin's single to right field. The inning ended, 6-4, when Amundson flew out to right field.

A quick fourth inning after Ducks Siano flew out to right field and short stop Hale threw Carlson out at first. Rengering singled to left-center field, but went no further as Rios lined out to the short stop.

In the bottom of the fourth,

56th CRS Coit walked and Yeck singled down the left foul line. Mills flew out to right field and Barnes to right-center. Coit made it home after tagging up off Barnes' fly. Yeck crossed home next when right-center fielder Rios missed an easy catch putting Cruz on base. Martisch finished the inning by flying out to right field. The score was now 8-4.

The Ducks tried to pull themselves out of their rutt when McDowell singled to left-center. Anderson flew out to right and Murphy lined out to the short stop. Both Wagner and Gunnells singled to second, but Stroud stopped them from scoring by flying out to the pitcher.

They kept 56th CRS from extending the lead by getting out the first three batters. The catcher caught the first, the short stop the second and the right fielder the last.

The sixth inning was barely different than the others for the Ducks as Siano singled to left-center field but was caught at second after Carlson grounded to the short stop. Rengering singled to left field, Rios lined out to third base and McDowell flew out to left field to end the inning.

The 56th CRS slid another run in on the Ducks in the bottom of the sixth when Yeck singled to third and advanced on his teammates singles and flies. His run brought the score to 9-4.

The top of the seventh inning was the Ducks last chance to catch up, but only Anderson tripled to right field and advanced home off Wagner's grounder to second.

The inning and game ended 9-5.

Sports Shorts

Crud tourney

The semi-annual Balls of O'Leary Crud Tournament is today at 6 p.m. in the officers' club. Entertainment is provided by Steal Wool.

Golf tourney

An NCO vs Officers matchplay golf tournament is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. For more information, call (623) 535-8355.

Varsity baseball playoffs

The Falcons varsity baseball team playoffs start Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Peoria Sports Complex on Padre Field #2. Games two and three are Sunday at 8 and 11 a.m. on the complex Mariners Field #3.

Camping class

A "Camping 101 for Women" class is July 21 to 22. The \$50 per person cost includes round-trip transportation, camping gear and three meals. The registration deadline is July 14. For more information, call the outdoor recreation center at (623) 856-9334.

Fort Tuthill fishing

A fishing trip to Fort Tuthill is July 27 to 29. The \$50 per person cost

includes fishing gear if needed, meals, canoes and transportation. The registration deadline is July 20. For more information, call the outdoor recreation center at (623) 856-9334.

Canyon fishing

A fishing trip to Woods Canyon is Aug. 11 to 12. The \$50 per person cost includes camping gear, fishing gear if needed, meals and transportation. For more information, call the outdoor recreation center at (623) 856-9334.

Camping weekend

A Grand Canyon tour and Fort Tuthill camping trip is Aug. 25 through 27. The \$25 per person cost includes roundtrip transportation, camping equipments, meals and fishing equipment if needed. The registration deadline is Aug. 17. For more information, call the outdoor recreation center at (623) 856-9334.

Women's football

Women interested in playing on or coaching a team in the Luke Women's Flag Football league can attend a meeting Thursday

at noon at the health and wellness center. For more information or if unable to attend the meeting, call Senior Airman Stella Rednour at (623) 856-4212 or Airman Constance Morris at (623) 856-6877.

Youth basketball clinic

Youths age 8 to 18 years can attend the Suns Summer Youth Basketball Clinic July 31 at the America West Arena.

Cost is \$10 per person. The registration deadline is July 26 and is limited to the first 24 participants.

The van departs the youth center at noon and returns at approximately 5 p.m. Appropriate gym shoes must be worn. For more information, call Amy Heil at (623) 856-7470 or (623) 856-6225.

Bike ride

The Arizona Civil Air Patrol sponsors a ride against drugs bicycle ride Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m. at the Prescott National Forest Granite Basin recreation area.

The \$25 per person cost includes a drug demand reduction T-shirt, dinner and breakfast. Participants must bring their own bicycle and helmet and should

bring gloves and two bottles of water.

Check in at the campground is Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. Proceeds support the Arizona CAP Drug Demand Reduction program. For more information, call (602) 938-9632 or e-mail kescotty@aol.com.

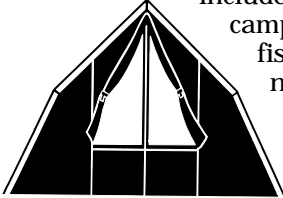
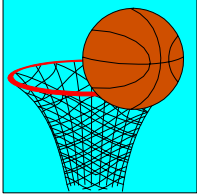
Free golf

Luke squadrons can book one free squadron golf day at the Falcon Dune's Golf Course for Mondays or Wednesdays for available spaces on the course's calendar through Sept. 15. There is no green fees; however, players are each charged \$4.50 for cart rental. Squadrons are allowed to book up to 144 players. All participants must bring their own clubs. For more information, call (623) 535-8355.

Golf

The Falcon Dunes Golf Course offers "Skins" gross score golf every Tuesday at 5 p.m. The \$12 per person cost includes greens fee, cart rental and "skins" money. Handicaps 0 to 9 play from the Falcon tees, handicaps 10 and up play from the Eagle tees and ladies play from the Starfighter tees.

Register to play at the golf shop. For more information, call the course at (623) 535-8355.



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